

REMARKS

The Applicants respectfully submit this preliminary amendment for entry into the above referenced patent application before substantive examination. The preliminary amendment amends claims 1, 7, 15, 21, and 23 and cancels claims 2, 3, 8, 9, 16, 17, 24 & 25. Therefore, claims 1, 4-7, 10-15, and 18-23, remain pending in the present application.

As required by 35 U.S.C. Sect. 132, no new matter has been added. The amendments made to the claims and the new claims are fully supported by the original application.

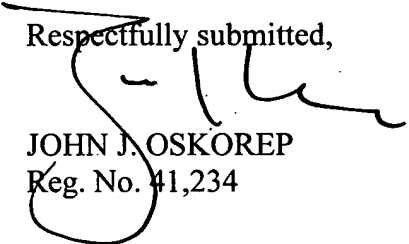
Applicants respectfully request entry of this preliminary amendment and consideration of the application as amended. The application as amended will therefore include claims 1, 4-7, 10-15, and 18-23, for substantive examination.

Thank you. Please feel free to contact the undersigned if there are any questions or concerns regarding this submission.

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